

IBM PAIRS*

- Big Geospatio-temporal Data and Analytics as-a-Service

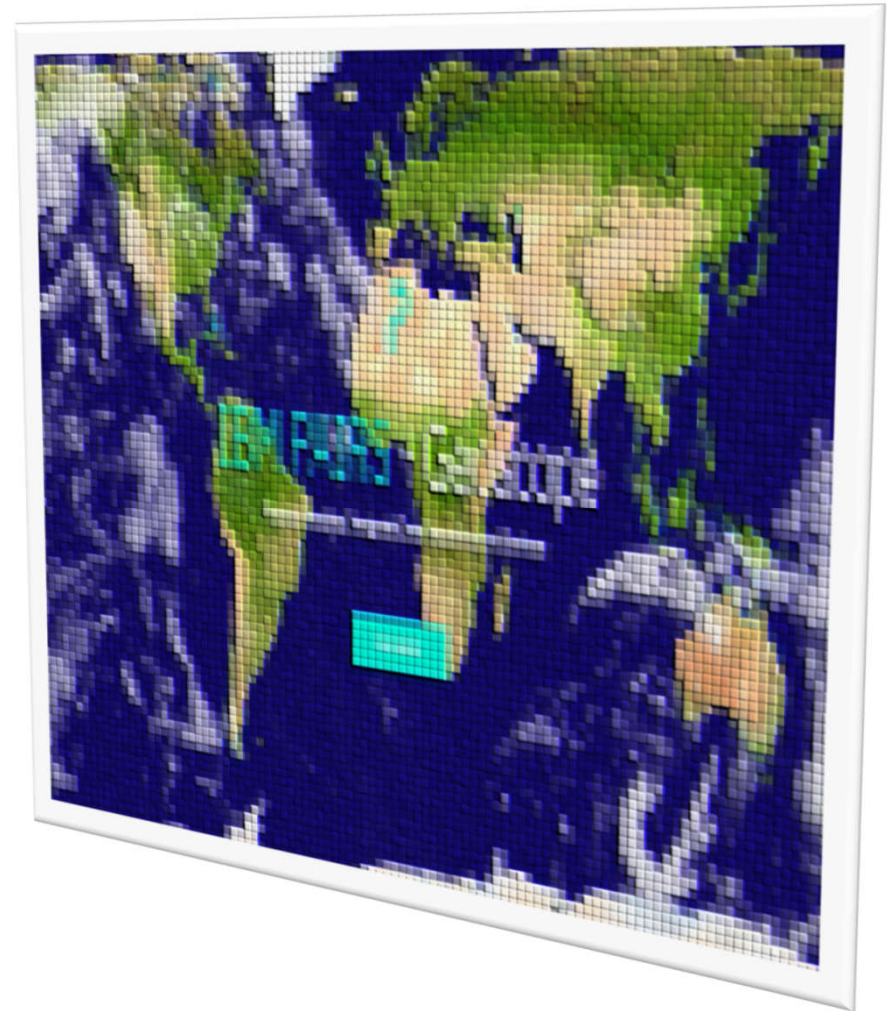
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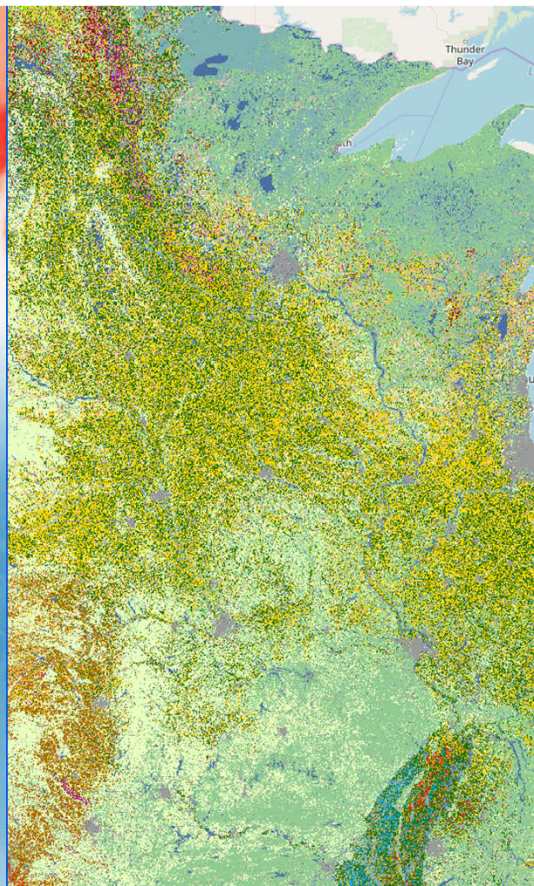
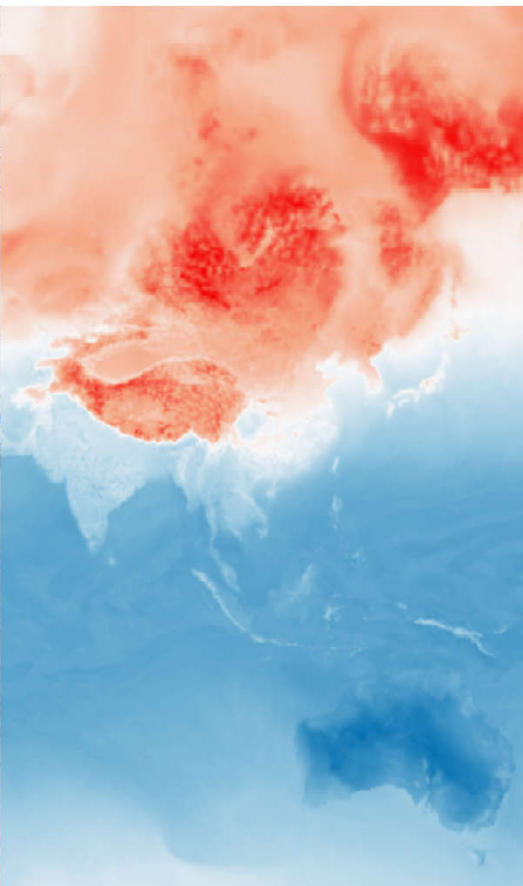
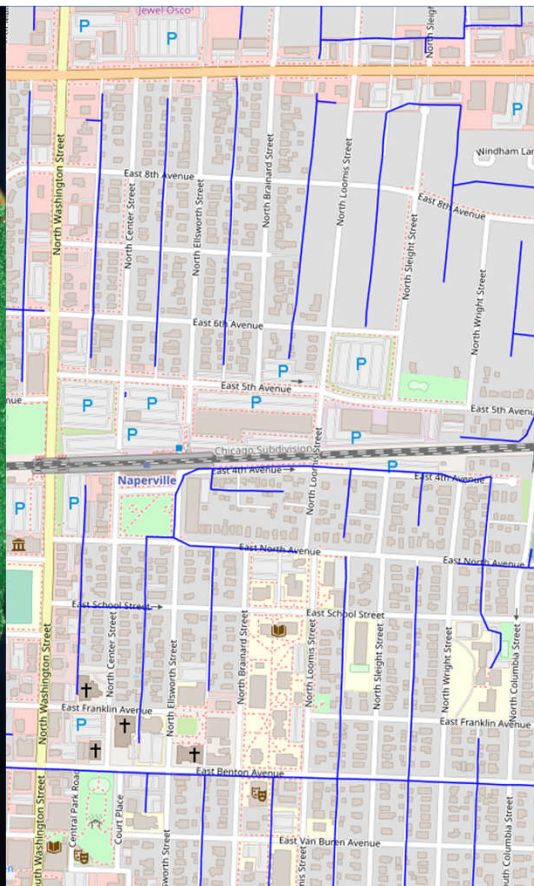
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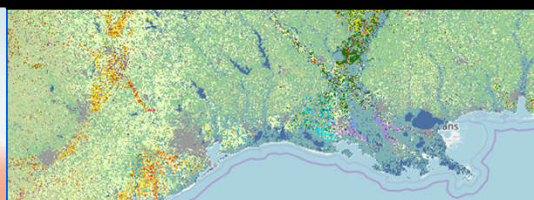
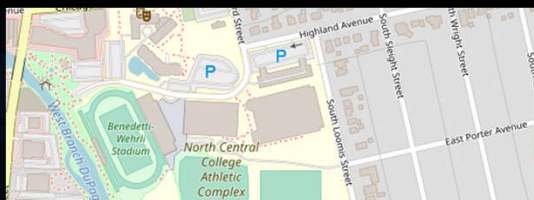


Satellite/drone imagery

Infrastructure

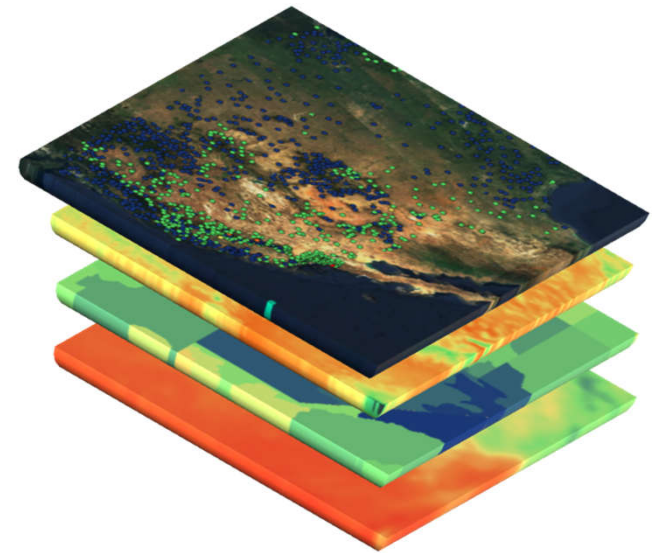
Weather

Land use



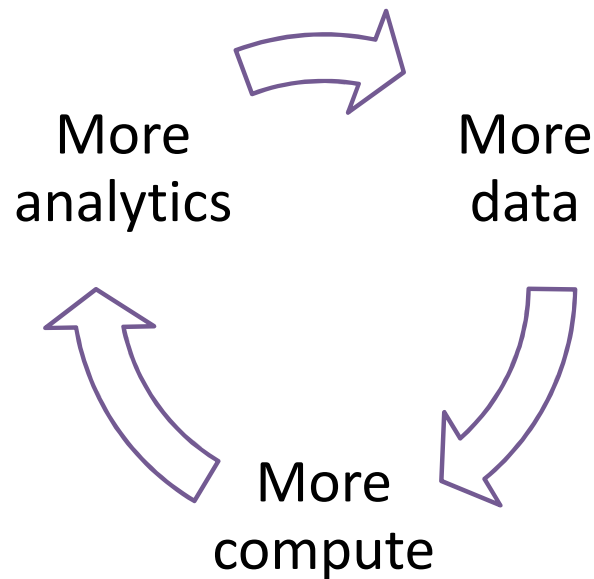
IBM PAIRS Geoscope to enable scalable geospatial-temporal data analytics

- (i) Harmonization - masking the complexity of metadata.
- (ii) Complex query - searching of data at a “pixel level”.
- (iii) Scalability - handling petabytes of data
- (iv) In-data” computation – avoiding data movement through the internet



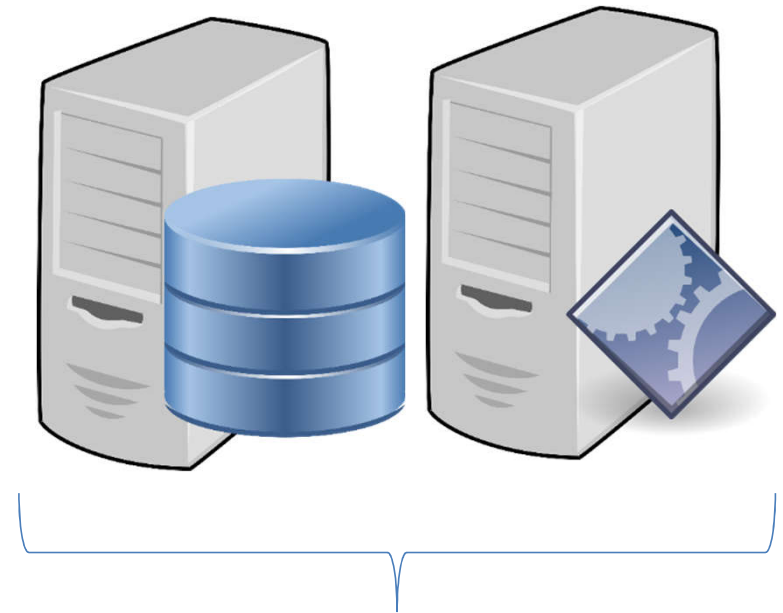
Data gravity - Big data attracts

- Data is too big to be moved
- Context of data is to be exploited



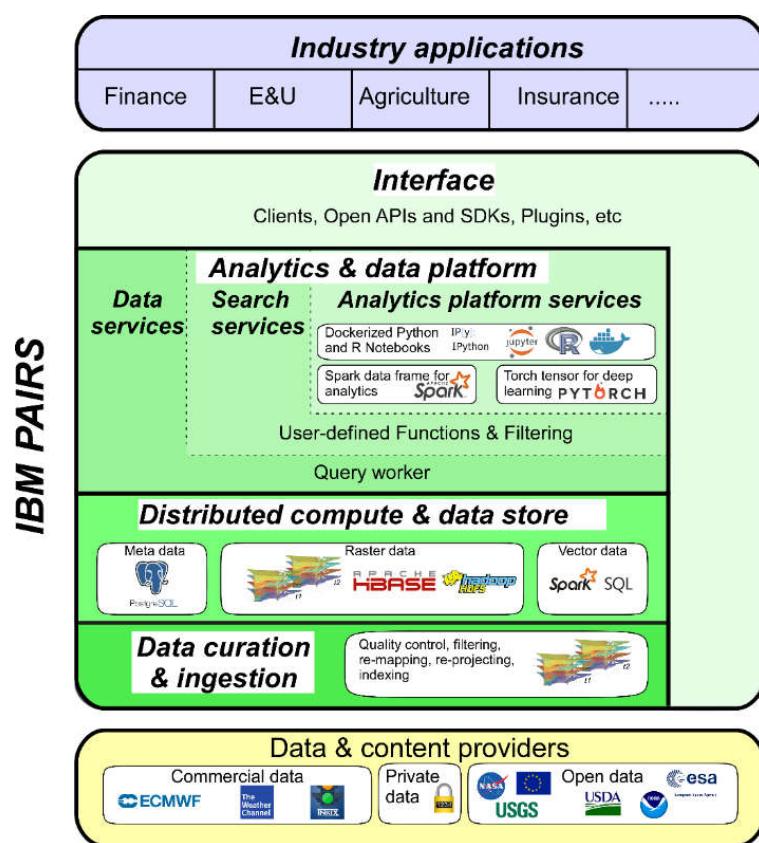
Platform /Data base
85 % of analytics

Application
15 % of analytics



Data and analytics platform

What is PAIRS? A scalable big geospatial-temporal data and analytics platform with cross-industry applications



- ✓ Reproject incoming data into a set of nested global grids.
- ✓ Main data store: scalable, low latency, multi-level key-value store (Hbase)
- ✓ Ingests, curates 20TB+/day of new data
- ✓ 4 PBs of industry relevant data
- ✓ Accessible through APIs/SDKs/GUI for querying and user-enabled data uploads
- ✓ Query and analytics parallelized using Map-Reduce and SPARK.

PAIRS Design Decision

Design Decision

Use a fixed coordinate reference system and a fixed set of nested grids.

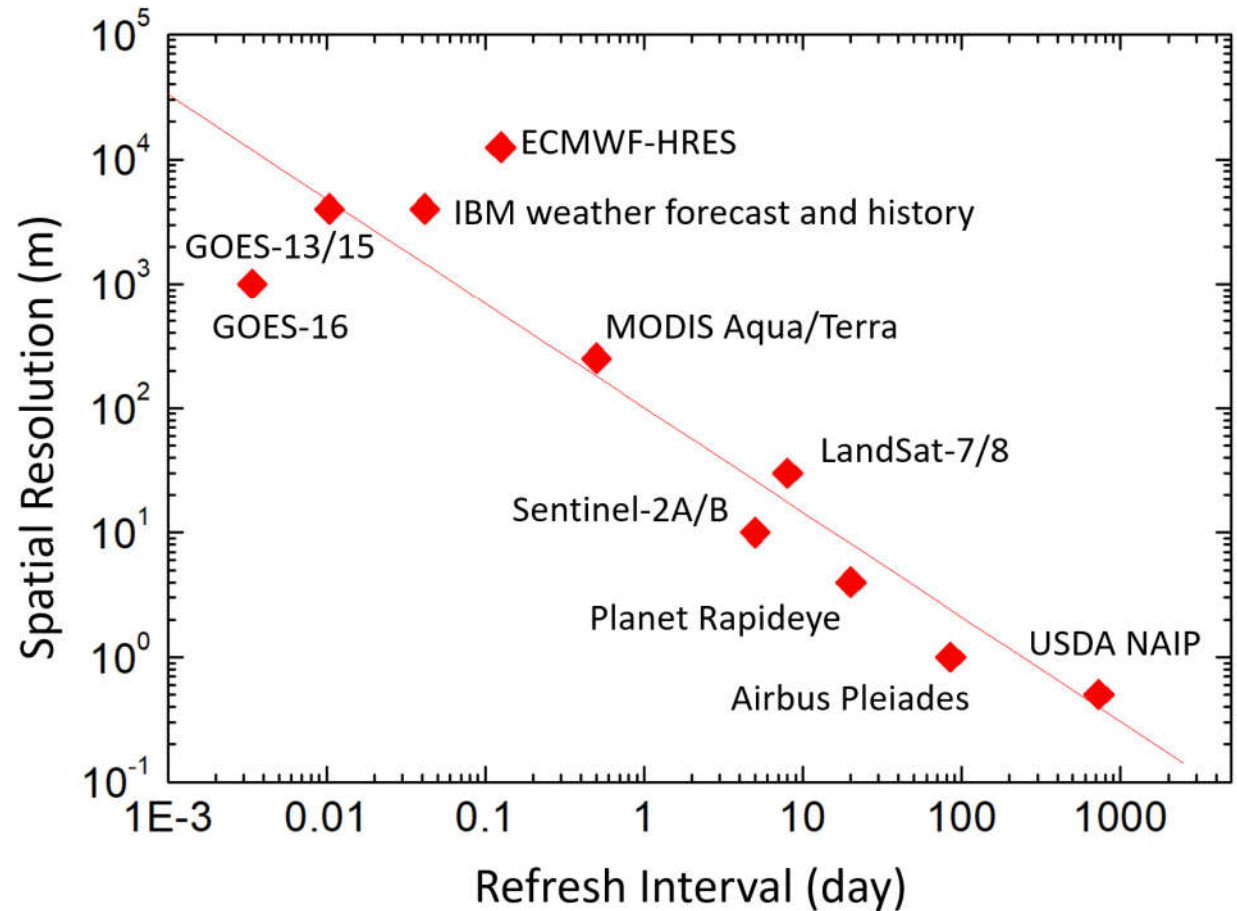
Employ a multi-aspect row key to encode spatial and temporal information.

Supercells (32x32 pixels) as the value of the key-value store.

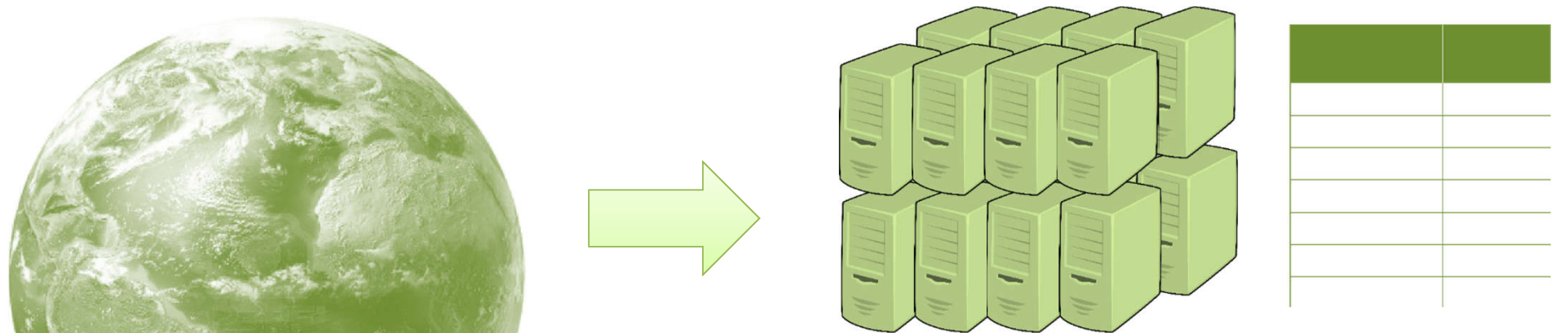
Temporal hash in the HBase row keys.

Spatial hash in the HBase row keys.

Construct a set of coarse-grained overview layers for each data layers.



Challenges lies in translating multi-dimensional data to 1D key-value store to optimally support queries



Key				Value
Row Key [128 bits]	Column		Version	2^N x 2^N pixel super cell
	Column Family	Column Qualifier	Timestamp	
[4 bits reserved] + [4 bits Temporal Hash] + [4 bits Spatial Hash] + [52 bits Spatial] + [16 bits reserved] + [48 bits Temporal Key]	Data Layer	Additional Dimensions	Not used	Typical 32x32 pixels

Multi-dimensional data

One dimensional key-value store

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2. Lat: 48° 50' 23" N, Lon: 089° 27' 33" W	✖
3. Lat: 40° 45' 07" N, Lon: 076° 26' 58" W	✖
4. Lat: 31° 32' 47" N, Lon: 081° 11' 47" W	✖
5. Lat: 30° 47' 39" N, Lon: 094° 33' 28" W	✖

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





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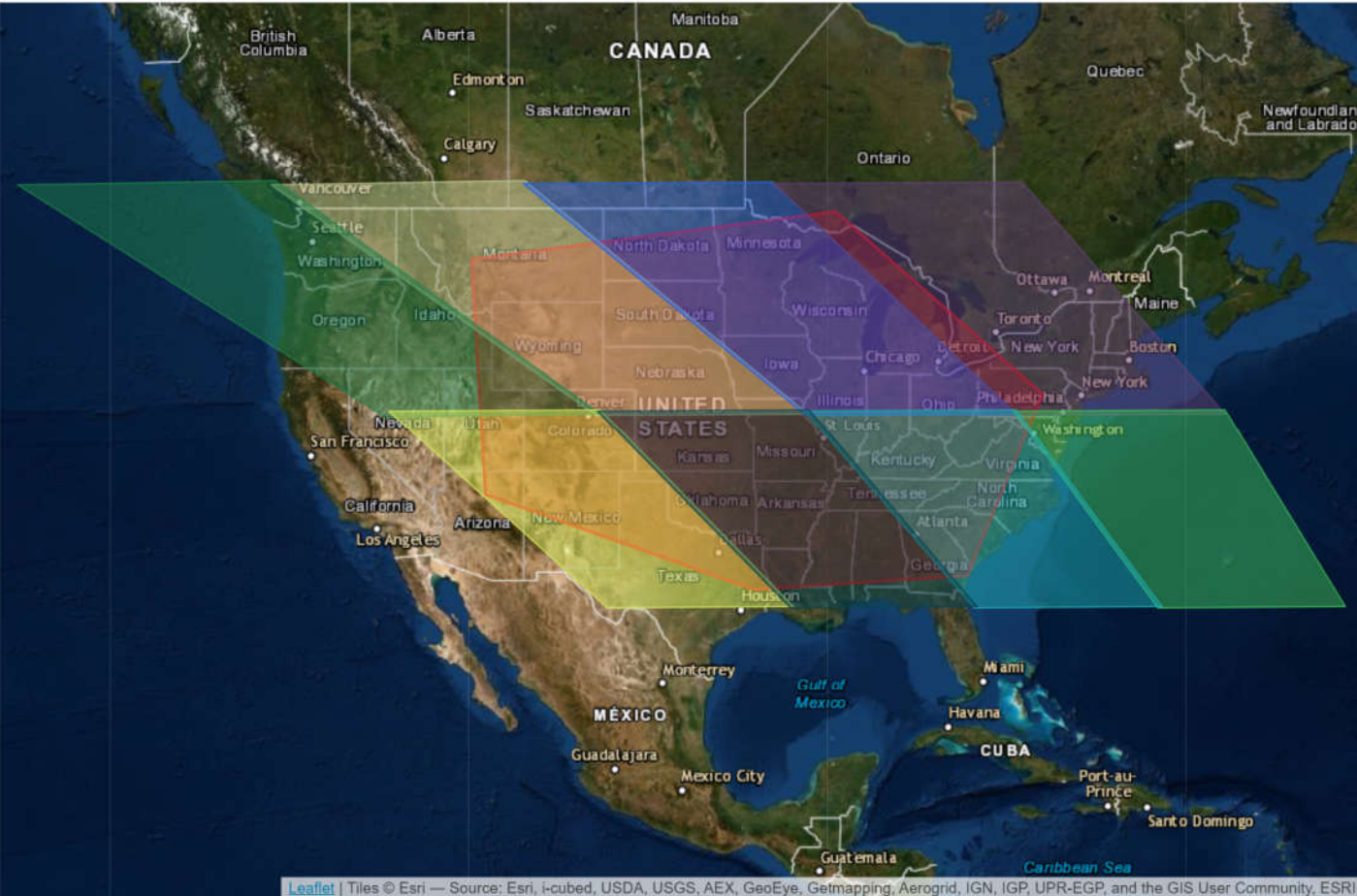
     

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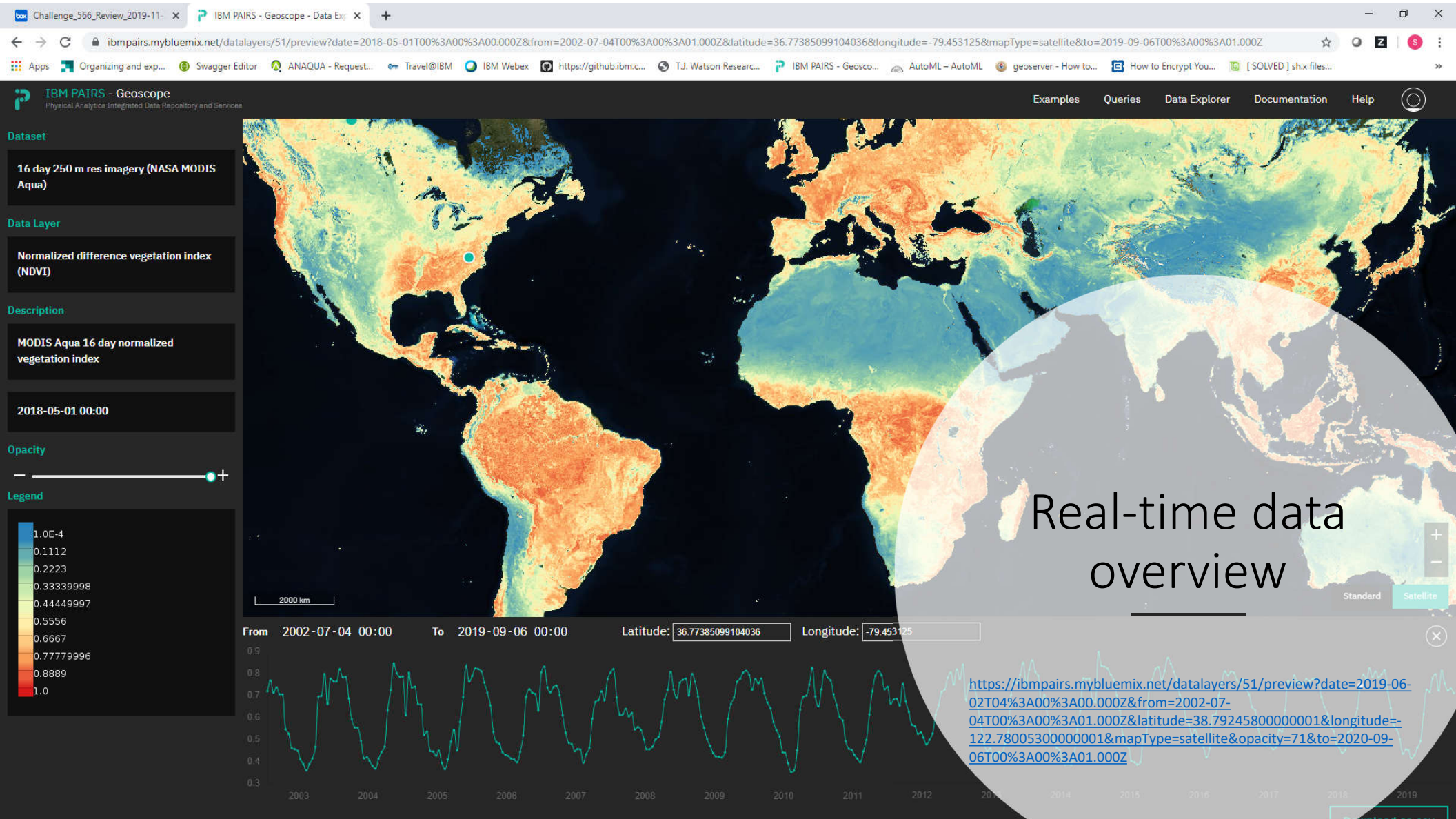
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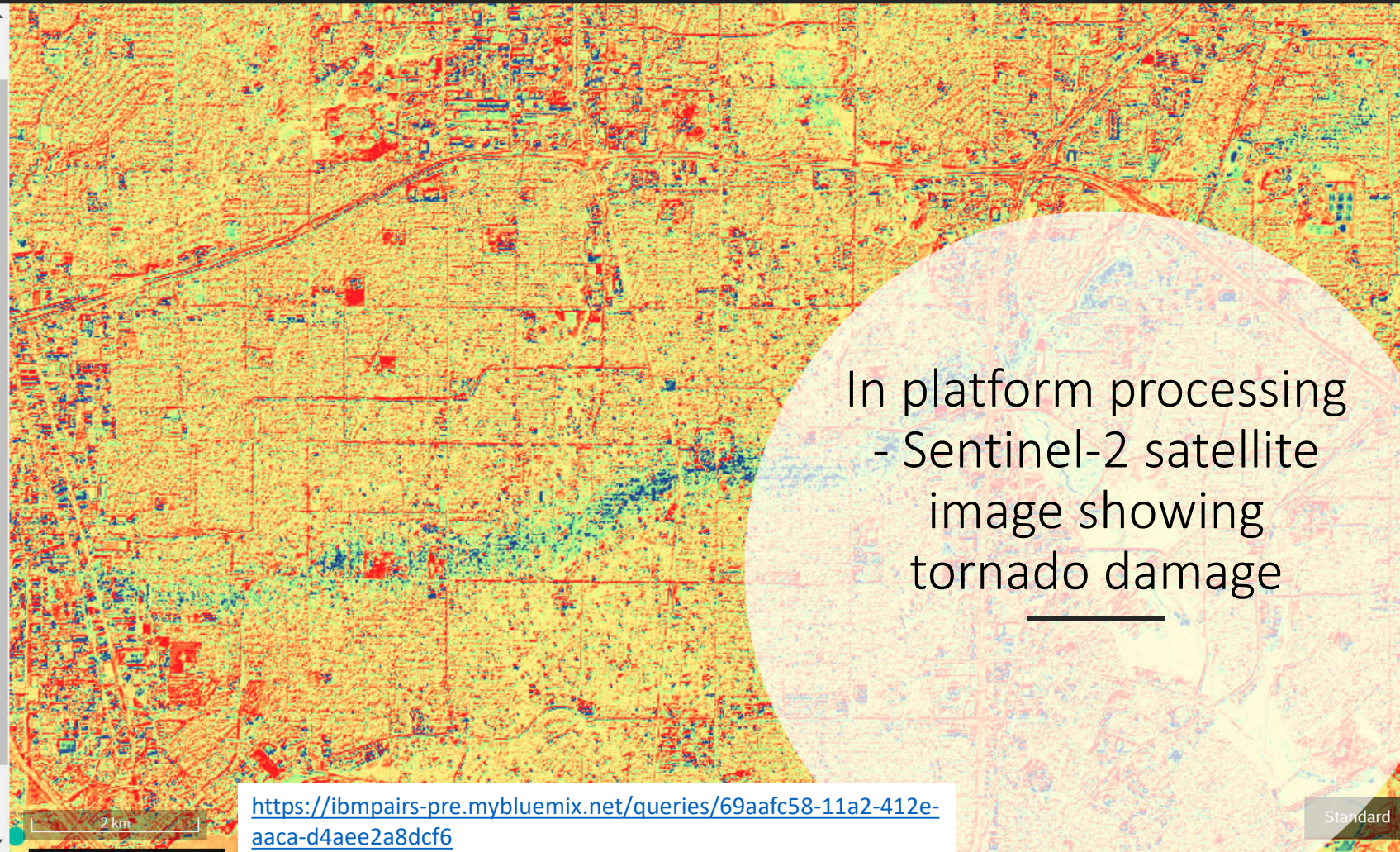
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Thermal Infrared Monitoring of Steel Plants

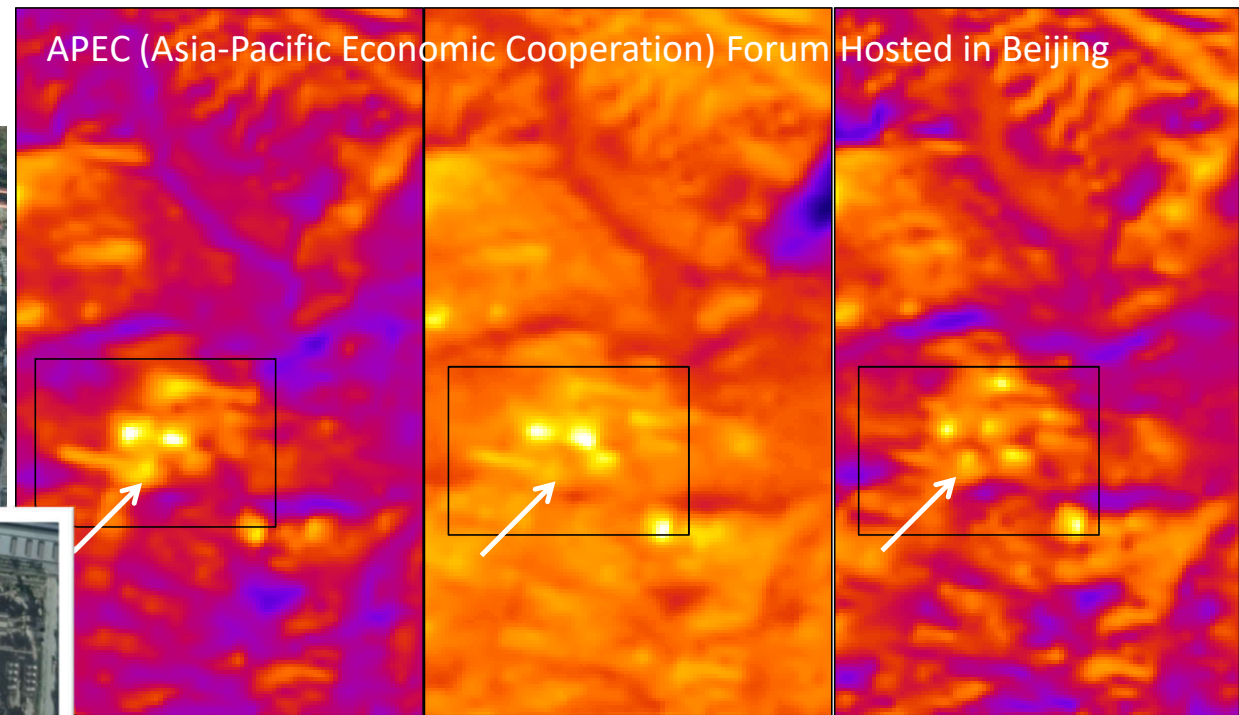
Chengde Steel, Hebei, China



10/15/2014

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12/18/2014



Heat Generation prior to Statistical Correction

PAIRS enables user defined functions with a query (e.g., calculate radiative heat loss from LS8)

Command: `curl -u username:password -X POST --header 'Content-Type: application/json' --header 'Accept: application/json' -d "example.json" 'https://pair.res.ibm.com/v2/query'`

Example.json

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  ]
}
```

No output generated
 LandSat 8 Level Thermal IR (band 10)
 Calculate surface temperature $T_{Surf} = \frac{K_2}{\ln\left(\frac{K_1}{L_{\lambda 2}} + 1\right)}$
 Ambient temperature from weather
 Calculate radiative heat loss $Q_{rad} = \sigma \epsilon_{LW} (T_{Surf}^4 - \epsilon_{LW}^{Air} T_{amb}^4)$

Big Data PAIRS Query

PAIRS Queries

Example: Show me the croplands globally where the average summer temperature has risen more than 1.5 C in the last 40 years

(comparing 2009-2018 vs. 1979-1988)

2 different data layers

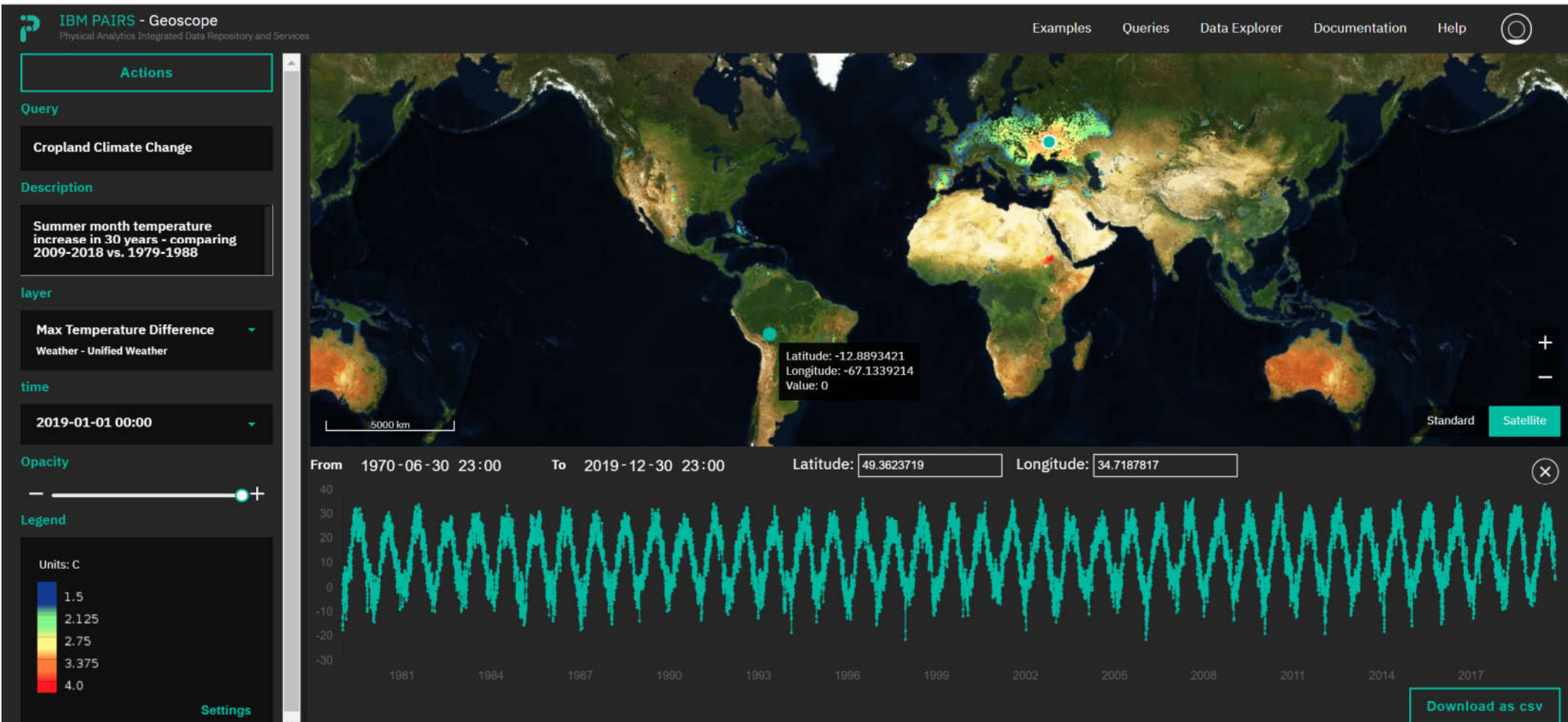
- *Global Crop Land*
- *ECMWF Weather Re-analysis*

7361 timestamps

Global 250m grid

1 TB

```
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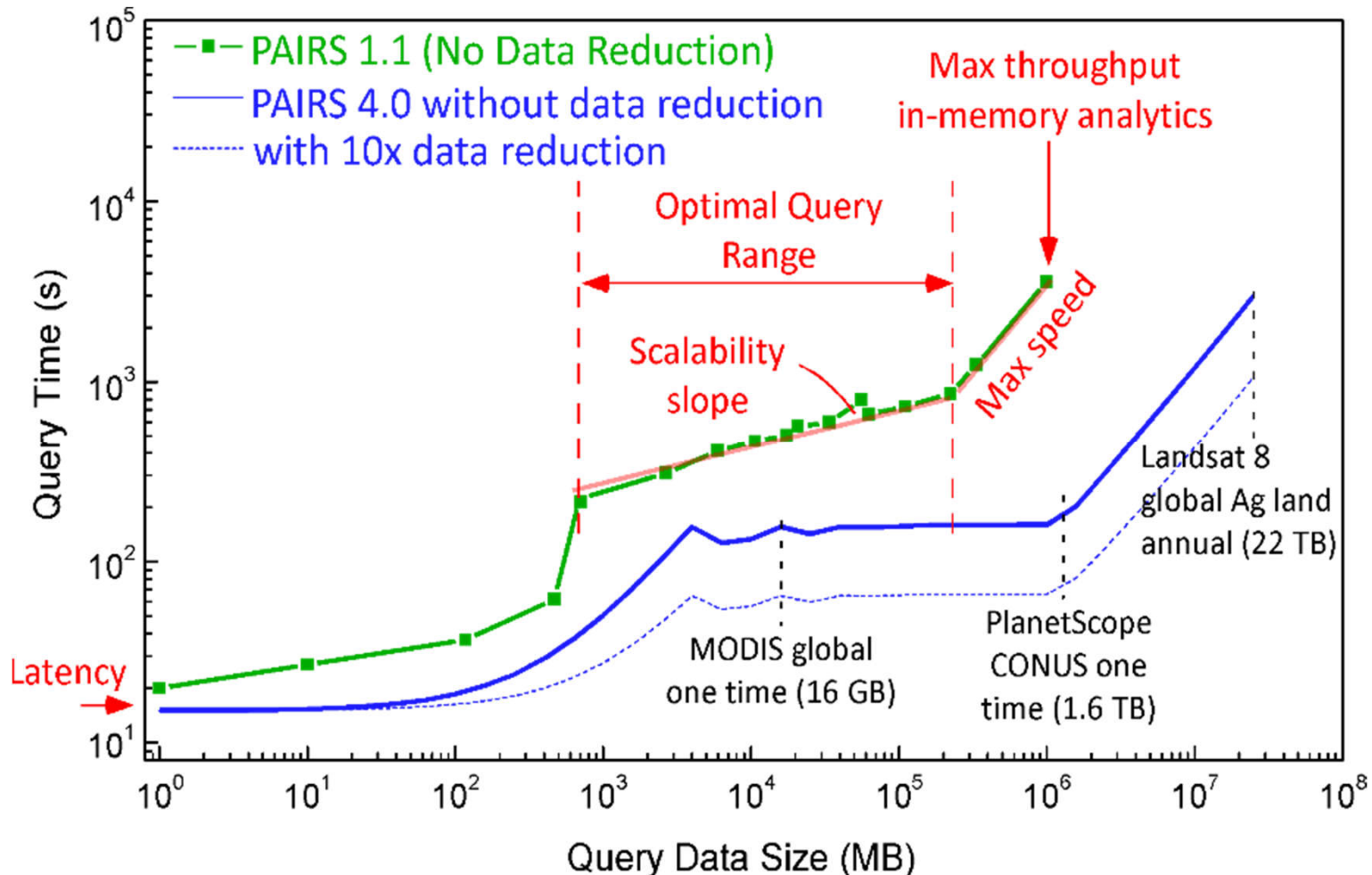
Result:

0.93 TB /61 s = 15 GB/s
= 1.3 PB/day

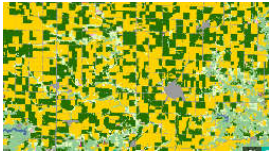


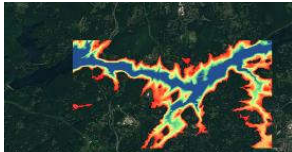
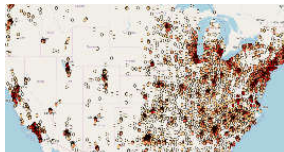

We can run >5 queries without performance degradation

= 6.5 PB/day

How to think about raster query performance?



PAIRS industry applications are plentiful

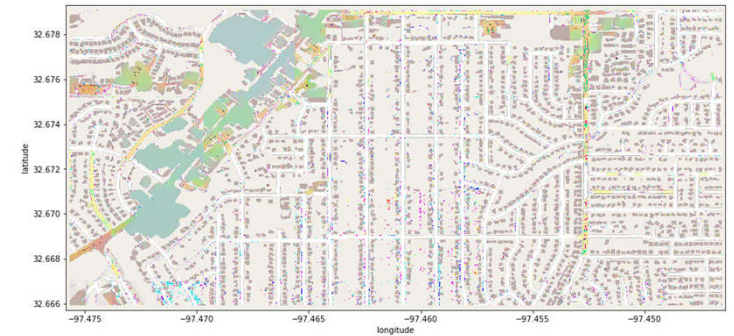
Industry	Finance ✓	Utility ✓	Agriculture ✓	Insurance ✓	Retail	Public ✓
Example	Commodity trading	Vegetation management	Decision support for agriculture	Develop risk models (Flood, Fire)	Supply change	Disaster response
Example Queries / Questions	How much crop is planted? How much corn will be produced in Argentina?	Where do trees infringe on utility assets? When to schedule tree trimming?	What is the best crop to plant? When to apply fertilizers, pesticides?	Where are my assets at risk? At what time of the year is the risk the highest ?	Where, when and what to ship? Where should I promote a product?	Who is being impacted by a hurricane? What is the best emergency response?
Data Layers	Weather, land class, soil, satellite	Weather, satellite, power line data	Weather, land class, soil, satellites	Climate, vegetation, traffic, census	Weather, socio-economic data, store locations	Weather, climate, satellites, map, socio-economic data
Example	<u>Early Crop Recognition</u> 	<u>Tree management</u> 	<u>Precision Agriculture</u> 	<u>Flooding Risk</u> 	<u>Optimal store locations</u> 	<u>Emergency Response</u> 

Spatial Analytics – Raster-to-Raster



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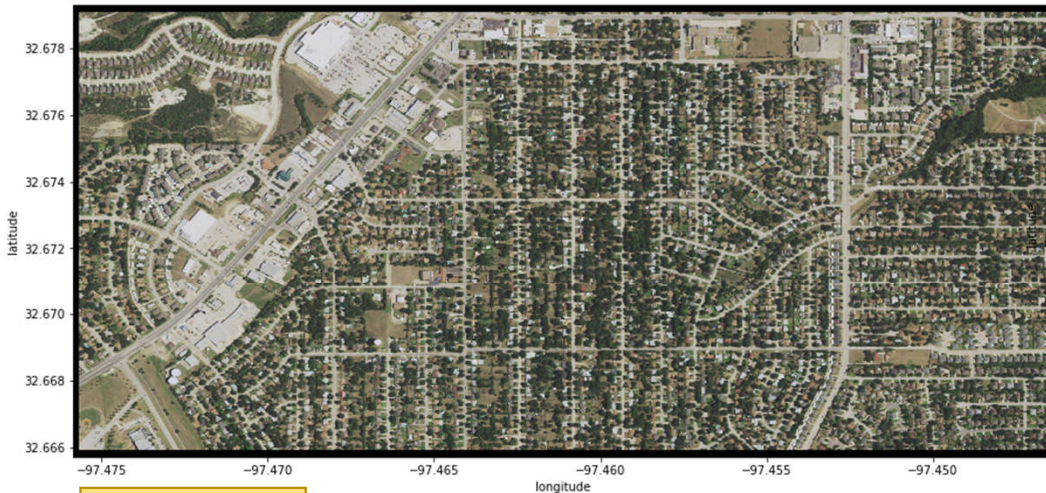
R/G/B/(NIR) of Satellite Images



Map features:
House, Road, Forestry ...

Road and House Detection Using High Resolution Imagery and OpenStreetMap

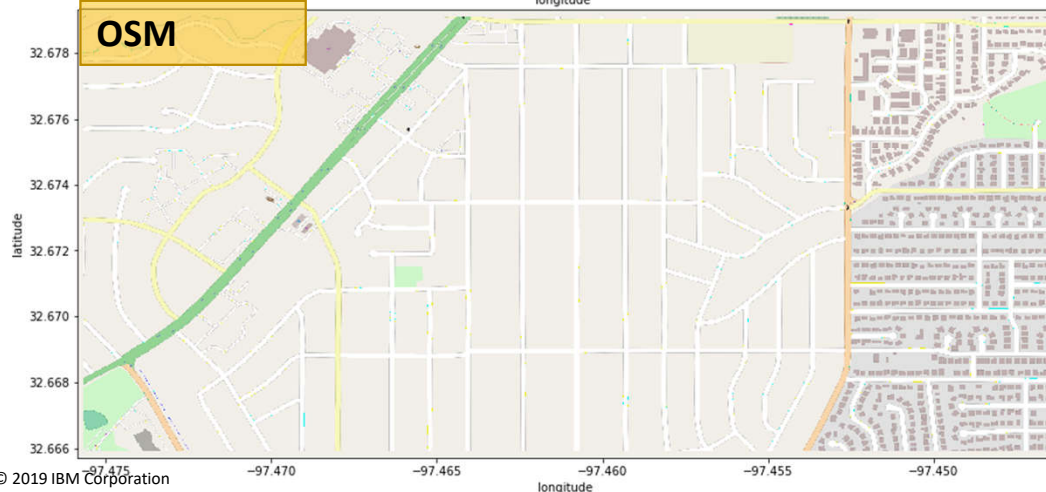
NAIP imagery



Generated MAP



OSM



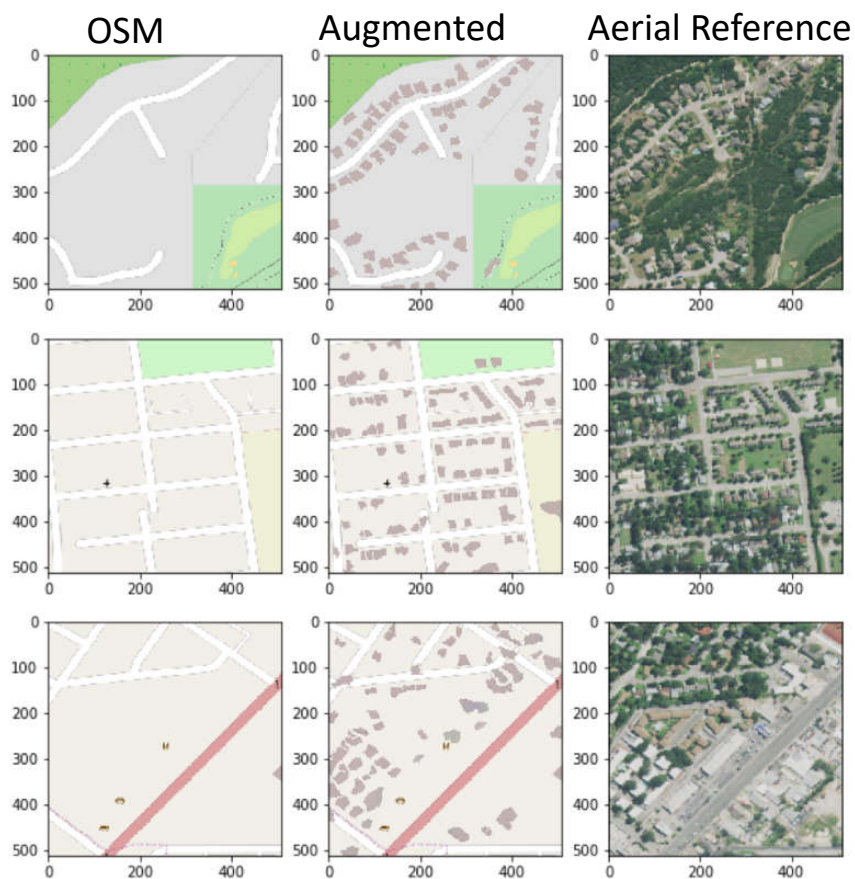
Engineering Challenge

- CONUS high res. imagery ~ 100 TB. How to efficiently parallelize deep learning on large number of GPUs

Algorithmic Challenge

- Input data inaccuracy (e.g. Open street map's road is shifted from where it should be). How to mitigate?

Data augmentation enables ML on “crappy” OSM data to match ML on accurately labeled SpaceNet



Before Augmentation

Model	Precision	Recall	F1
FW-CycleGAN	0.641	0.740	0.687
U-Net	0.816	0.732	0.772

After Augmentation

Model	Precision	Recall	F1
FW-CycleGAN	0.844	0.811	0.828
U-Net	0.950	0.811	0.875

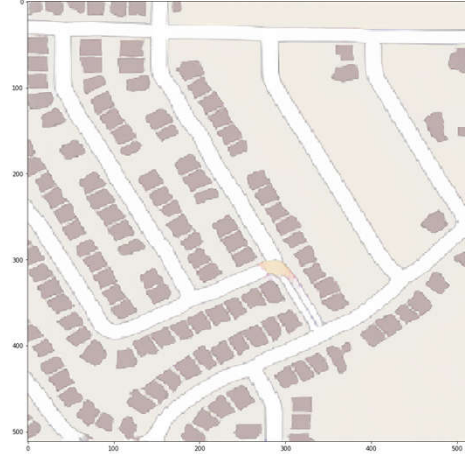
SpaceNet Winner F1 0.88

Change Detection (Out of sample results)

2010



2016



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Caltech PhD)



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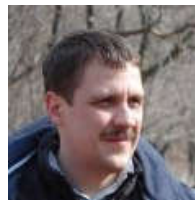
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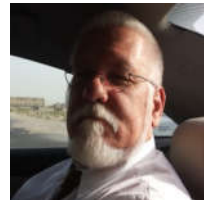
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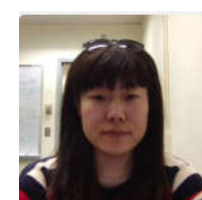
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PAIRS Resources

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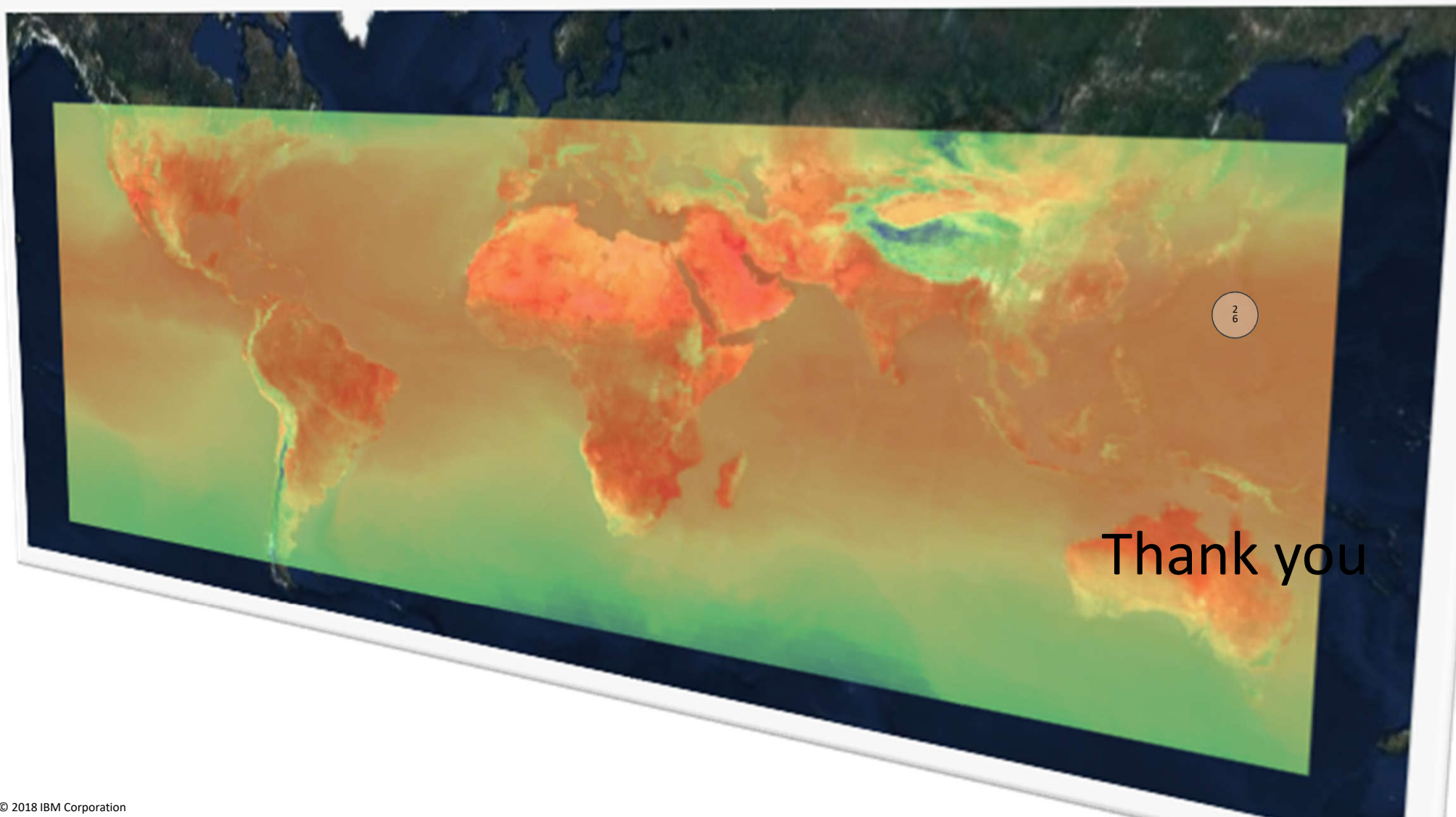
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API entry point: <https://pairs.res.ibm.com>

API tutorial and reference: <https://pairs.res.ibm.com/tutorial/>

Data documentation: <https://ibmpairs.mybluemix.net/data-explorer>

Python SDK (open source): <https://github.com/ibm/ibmpairs>



Thank you